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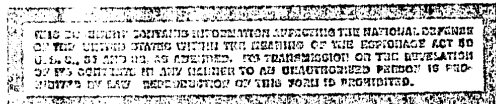
SUBJECT Prebarek, Possible USIA Middleman

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- 25X1 1. On 3 November 1949, one Prebarek, allegedly representative of the Hagelmuehler firm in Linz, offered the non-USIA Siemens-Schuckert Nibelungengasse plant large quantities of electrical materials from Eastern Germany. Prebarek expressed an interest in knowing just what materials were required by the Nibelungengasse plant and offered to reserve 2,000,000 schillings worth of the desired items. He informed officials of the Nibelungengasse plant that an import permit would not be necessary since this purchase would be made directly in Austria from USIA, which would accept payment as soon as the materials were delivered to Vienna.*
2. Prebarek also alleged that the Soviets recently exported 20 carloads of special, high-grade steel valued at a total of 20,000,000 schillings from Austria to Eastern Germany.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: Inquiries made by Siemens-Schuckert Nibelungengasse plant officials failed to confirm Prebarek's identity or the existence of the Hagelmuehler firm. It is, therefore, possible that Prebarek is a USIA middleman using a false name and that he may have been offering electrical material which the Soviets have smuggled into Austria, as well as trying to ascertain current requirements of the Nibelungengasse plant on behalf of USIA.

25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment: The Hagelmuehler firm is not listed in the 1949 Handels- und Industrie Compendium.

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